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*St. Louis*  
*Amateur Athletic Ass'n.*



*Annual Report*

— FOR —

*1904-1905.*

## OFFICERS—SEASON 1904-1905.

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F. P. CRUNDEN, President.

F. M. CANTER, Vice-President.

JEROME KARST, Secretary-Treasurer.

J. V. TOURNY, Assistant Secretary.



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## COMMITTEES—SEASON 1904-1905.

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## Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

### To the Members of the St. Louis Amateur Athletic Association:

The Secretary-Treasurer begs to submit herewith the annual financial report, to May 1, and also the reports of the various departments by their chairmen.

Although last year was a hard one on account of World's Fair, all bills have been promptly paid, and liabilities decreased. The membership is again steadily increasing.

Within sixty days all notes due the bank for \$1,000 will be paid, provision having been made to pay \$500 this month.

Many improvements have been made, particularly in the club house.

Since May 1 a large amount of money has been collected.

The present balance in bank is \$1,534, May 25th.

All the employes are capable and are rendering the best of service.

At the annual election the following Directors were elected to serve two years: F. P. Crunden, F. M. Canter, M. D. Macdonald, Theo. S. Blair, Harold R. Small, H. A. Jameson.

The election of officers will be held at next regular monthly meeting of Board.

The general objects of the association have been carried out, namely, to encourage all gentlemanly outdoor sports from an amateur standpoint.

Our club at present belongs to all the great Golf, Tennis and Athletic Associations, both local and national.

Abuses sometimes creep into the workings of the club.

Any suggestions made in writing by any member will be thankfully received by the Board and acted upon if practical.

The greatest necessity is the enlargement of dressing room; more lockers and shower baths are needed; also one or two additional rooms should be built for various purposes.

This all has been agreed to by the old Board, and will be accomplished this fall.

The initiation or membership fee of \$5 has proven a success and will be continued.

### INCOME.

May 1, Balance Cash on Hand.....	\$ 779 56
Dues .....	\$4,805 00
Lockers .....	516 00
Golf .....	377 50
Smoking Room .....	579 35
La Crosse .....	12 35
Special Assessments .....	3 00
Athletic Department .....	9 40
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	\$7,082 16

### EXPENSES.

Grounds (except Golf Links).....	\$ 593 05
Club House .....	604 33
Golf .....	865 68
Tennis .....	205 29
Base Ball .....	28 70
Hand Ball .....	131 60
Cricket .....	20 00
La Crosse .....	25 00
Athletic Department .....	219 05
Expense Account, Sundries.....	434 52
Help (regular wages).....	2,414 20
Smoking Room .....	446 55
Insurance .....	5 00
Postage .....	115 25
Stationery and Printing.....	157 80
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May 1, 1905. Balance Cash on hand.....	\$ 816 14
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### BILLS PAYABLE.

Fourth National Bank.....	\$ 500 00
Fourth National Bank.....	\$ 500 00
Current Bills—None.	



## MEMBERSHIP.

Annual .....	479
Life .....	25
Total.....	504

## COMPARISON.

## Total Income from All Sources.

Season of 1897-1898.....	\$4,190 00
Season of 1898-1899.....	5,500 00
Season of 1899-1900.....	6,500 00
Season of 1900-1901.....	7,000 00
Season of 1901-1902.....	5,933 00
Season of 1902-1903.....	5,871 00
Season of 1903-1904.....	6,330 00
Season of 1904-1905.....	7,082 00

Total liabilities May 1, 1902.....\$2,569 79

Total liabilities May 1, 1905 ..... 1,000 00

Fiscal year ends May 1.

JEROME KARST,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Audited by Geo. E. Dieckman, Chairman Finance Committee.

## GOLF DEPARTMENT.

The Golf Committee begs leave to submit the following report of what has been accomplished in the way of improvement on our links during the past year:

Owing to the ditch which was cut through our old No. 8 link, it was thought advisable to discontinue Nos. 8 and 9 links, and in their place we have put in two links on the west side of the river. Our links, as they stand to-day, are in better shape, finer condition and more compact than they have ever been since we laid them out. It is our intention this fall to put in another link, to run parallel with our present No. 1, and utilize the old No. 2, and in this way cut out the present crossing of links, which is our only fault with the present arrangement.

We have also made a large and entirely new putting green for No. 1 hole, which improves this hole fully twenty-five per cent.

The condition of the fair greens is almost perfect, and another year on our putting greens will make them as fine as any in the country. We have more players and a greater interest in golf this year than for several seasons, and golf in our club is a permanent and very important part of our association. Our prospects for a good team this year are most excellent, and we trust to give a good account of our work in competition with other clubs.

We have also established a head caddy to take charge of the caddies, to see that every player gets a fair deal. The plan is working nicely and we have heard no complaints since we established this much-needed improvement.

In conclusion, we wish to ask the co-operation of every golf player to help us take care of the links. The most frequent cause of complaint is the cutting of the turf, and the failure to replace same, which leaves a bare spot in the course. It is a small matter to replace turf when cut, and it keeps the links in much better shape.

F. M. CANTER, Chairman.  
BONNER MILLER.  
H. A. JAMESON.  
C. A. SNYDER.



### TENNIS DEPARTMENT.

The past year has been an unusually successful one in the tennis department. The courts have been kept in first-class shape, and, while no additions have been made, there has been no occasion for complaint of excessively crowded conditions.

A hand-ball court has been erected this spring at a cost of \$125. This will allow tennis players a good chance to practice their strokes, and will also allow them to play racquet if they so desire. The fencing will be given a coat of green paint shortly. This will be more in harmony with the surroundings of the club and will also be more economical than the white paint heretofore used.

We gave three tournaments the past year, namely, a closed club tournament, an open State and an open city tournament. All were extremely successful, except the closed club tournament, which was started too early in the year to obtain full entries. For the coming year, plans have already been made for a club match between our club and the Country Club, June 3; the open State tournament, July 1; the closed club tournament, about the first of August, and an open city tournament, about the first of September. In order to keep up the interest as long as possible, it is also contemplated to give a Round Robin Tournament, in October, to wind up the season. While we believe more courts would be advisable, we think it best not to go to further expense in this direction until the club's finances are in better shape.

#### TENNIS COMMITTEE,

M. D. MACDONALD, Chairman.

N. M. SEMPLE.

J. W. CHARLES,

### BASE BALL DEPARTMENT.

I beg to state the past season has been very successful in the base ball department. In spite of the World's Fair, games last season proved a good drawing card and the club team's showing was a credit to our organization. The amateur standing of the team has been maintained, and it is the committee's intention to continue the present season along the same lines.

We believe this year will be the most creditable season in this department in the history of our club. The team is much improved, and will have a considerably stronger schedule than in former years. Good feeling exists and interest displayed by all interested in base ball. Every effort is made to economize in the expenses, and no purchases are made other than absolute necessities.

ST. LOUIS A. A. BASE BALL COMMITTEE,  
A. C. SMUCKER, Chairman.

### LA CROSSE DEPARTMENT.

The La Crosse Department made an excellent showing—a good team was maintained and much interest shown in the sport.

Second prize was taken in the Olympic championships.

A match game was won against the best team from the Six Indian Tribes of Canada.

By invitation the team went to Chicago and played a hard and creditable game.

WM. YOUNG, Chairman.

No report from the Cricket Department.



## TRACK ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT.

During the past year the Athletic Department has made a final effort to give the club a creditable representation in local athletic meets. The general interest aroused in track athletics by the World's Fair and the Olympic games made it necessary that the Triple A should be represented in the various meets in order to keep up its standing as an athletic organization. As a result, we maintained a team of six or seven men, which made a creditable showing throughout the season and served to keep the name of our club before the public.

In our club, as in every other similar club, it has always been necessary to run the athletic department on somewhat different lines than the other departments. To be a successful athlete requires daily training for a period of several months each year. As a result, track athletes have always demanded, and always received, greater encouragement and aid from their organizations than representatives in the other branches of sport. During the past two years, our club has furnished, locally, every encouragement to the members of its track team, has paid for the services of a "rubber," and also for the entries of the men in the different meets. Beyond this, however, the Board of Directors has not felt justified in going.

As a result, the best athletes in the city are now contesting under the colors of another club, whose athletic department is able to offer much greater inducements than that of the Triple A.

The Board has, therefore, determined that it would be unwise to maintain a track team during the coming season.

The athletic grounds will, of course, be kept up, and it is hoped that many of the club members will use them for their own recreation.

Last season an open athletic meet was given in June for the benefit of the Vacation Playgrounds Association. So successful was this financially that all expenses were paid and the Playgrounds Association received the handsome sum of \$489. In October a closed meet for club members only was given. This year a similar plan will be pursued. A successful club tournament was also given in October.

Already the entry blanks are out for an open meet to be held on our grounds on June 3, and from present indications, it will prove the most successful meet in the history of our club.

The Athletic Department regrets very much that the Triple A will not be represented properly in this, or in other meets, during this season, but in view of the prevailing methods of maintaining a track team and of the policy of this club, any other course is impossible.

Very truly,

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE,

H. T. FERRISS, Chairman.

## RULES.

No member shall continuously use tennis court longer than the time required to complete three sets, provided other members are waiting to play, and all courts are in use.

No baseball or running shoes, or any kind of shoes with spikes on them, are allowed to be worn upstairs or on porch.

Members of outside teams are not permitted in locker room. They can have the use of the visitors' room, downstairs, and shower room only.

No ball tossing allowed inside building.

No locker can be held longer than time for which it is paid. Contents will be taken out and stored after that time.

No one is allowed to remove anything from a locker other than his own without a written order.

Upon leaving the club, no clothes should be left outside of lockers.

No refreshments outside of smoking room.

No shoes with heels or spikes are allowed on tennis courts.

No golf playing will be permitted on Sundays after 2 p. m.

Ladies accompanied by members will be permitted the use of the links and tennis courts, except on **Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.**

Ladies unaccompanied by members, **in mornings only.**

HOUSE AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE.



